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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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July 7, 1999

Patty Schwend
Owner
US Hair Force
4628 House Springs Shopping Center
House Springs, MO 63051

Dear Ms. Schwend:

The inspection of your tanning facility, US Hair Force located at 4628 House Springs Shopping Center, House Springs, MO 63051 on June 11, 1999, by Investigator Dennis Butcher revealed serious violations of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act). The investigator documented significant items of noncompliance with the Federal Performance Standard for Sunlamp Products as prescribed in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1040.20 (21 CFR 1040.20) in conjunction with tanning beds in operation at your facility. The inspection indicated noncompliances for the tanning bed manufactured by Alisun (Holland).

The inspection revealed that the tanning bed located at your facility was misbranded within the meaning of Section 502(f) of the Act as a result of actions taken by your firm. The tanning bed canopy contained no protection from contact by the user with the installed lamps. The canopy also exposed the user to electrical parts contained in the bed. There was no user instruction manual or documentation of lamp compatibility available for this tanning bed to provide adequate directions for use in such manner as necessary for the protection of users against potentially harmful exposure to ultraviolet radiation [21 CFR 1040.20(e)(1)]. The maximum timer interval for this tanning bed exceeded the manufacturer's recommended maximum exposure time [21 CFR 1040.20(c)(2)]. In addition, the tanning bed lacked legible warning, danger, manufacturer identification and exposure schedule labeling [21 CFR 1040.20(d)].

Due to the serious health hazards involved in the deficiencies noted above, it is requested that the sunlamp product not be used until appropriate corrections have been made.

The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies regarding sunlamp products at your firm. It is your responsibility to ensure that electronic sunlamp products are maintained so that they continue to comply with the provisions of the Act. You should take prompt action to correct these violations. Failure to correct these violations may result in regulatory action, including seizure, injunction, and/or civil money penalties, without further notice.

You should notify this office in writing 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of specific steps you have taken to correct these violations. If corrections cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be directed to Deborah M. McGee, Radiation Specialist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 7920 Elmbrook Drive, Suite 102, Dallas, Texas 75247-4982, telephone (214) 655-8100, ext. 138.

Sincerely,

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